

September 19, 2001

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RECORDATION NO.

Mr. Vernon Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 2 20423-0001

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Termination of Lease of Railroad Equipment dated August 29, 2001 by Helm Financial Corporation ("Lease Termination").

Dear Mr. Williams:

On behalf of Helm Financial Corporation, I submit for filing and recording, under 49 U.S.C. Section 11303(a) and the regulations promulgated thereunder the following document:

(2) fully-executed originals of the above-referenced Lease Termination.

In connection with the recording of the Lease Termination, please note the following information:

Name and Address of Lessor:

Helm Financial Corporation One Embarcadero Center, Suite 3700 San Francisco, CA 94111

Name and Address of Lessee:

Illinois Central Railroad Company

17550 South Ashland Avenue

Homewood, IL 60430

Equipment:

46 Boxcars

IC 504915-504960

Please record this Lease Termination as a supplemental agreement to STB Recordation No. 19287 filed on March 8, 1995 at 3:00 PM. The filing fee of \$28,00 is included in our enclosed Check No. 46802 in the amount of \$588.00.

Termination of Lease of Railroad Equipment dated August 29, 2001 by Summary: Helm Financial Corporation (as successor in interest to Helm-Atlantic Associates Limited Partnership) for 46 boxcars, IC 504915-504960, to be filed as a supplemental agreement. Please file this Lease Termination as a supplemental agreement to STB Recordation No. 19287.

Yours truly,

won a. Sharon L. Van Fossan

Supervisor Contract Administration

Enclosures (2)

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TERMINATION OF LEASE

THIS TERMINATION OF LEASE OF RAILROAD EQUIPMENT ("Termination") is dated as of August 29, 2001 by HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION (as successor in interest to Helm-Atlantic Associates Limited Partnership), a California corporation ("Lessor").

Recitals. Lessor entered into the Lease of Railroad Equipment dated 1. as of December 14, 1994 ("Lease") with Illinois Central Railroad Company., a Delaware corporation, with respect to the forty-six (46) railcars described in Schedule A attached hereto. The Lease is on file at the Surface Transportation Board of the Department of Transportation ("STB") under STB Recordation No. 19287 filed on March 8, 1995 at 3:00 PM.

The Lease was terminated on April 14, 2001. The purpose of this Termination of Lease is to provide a formal termination document for filing with the STB.

Termination. The Lease is hereby formally terminated. 2.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Lessor, pursuant to due corporate authority, has caused this Termination of Lease to be signed in its corporate name as of the date first above written.

HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Name:

Barbara W. Wilson

Title: Senior Vice President & CFO

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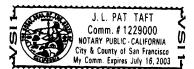
STATE OF CALIFORNIA) . S.S. COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO)

On Service Me, 2001, before me, J. L. Pat Taft, personally appeared Barbara W. Wilson, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION,

X personally known to me -OR-

___ proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence

to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that se/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(iss), and that by bes/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.



Witness my hand and official seal.

SIGNATURE OF THE NOTARY

SCHEDULE A

Description of the Units:
Forty-six (46), 70-ton roller bearing, cushioned XP boxcars

<u>Unit Numbers:</u> IC 504915-504960